

Karen McGraw Comments to ASMP, March 20, 2019

Generally, this plan is very comprehensive and includes many worthwhile ideas.

Comment/Question: Where is the data? Has the city talked with current residents about their choices? How many families live and work in the central city and send their children to AISD schools? Do these citizens wish to have large apartment buildings next to their homes? Will they move into these buildings? continue to stay in their homes sharing parks and public facilities with thousands of new residents? or will they move to the suburbs making their trek to central Austin work even more complicated and costly? Will suburban residents come back to the central city to live in apartments?

Policy 0

Communicate with residents to ensure that transportation policies are in step with all residents needs. This plan talks a lot about low income and underserved populations but does not address families who currently live and work in central Austin or the elderly who enjoy living near health care and city amenities in the central city.

Missing: I cannot locate discussions of local shuttles and other ways to get to the transit system during hot weather and for folks who are not able to walk 1/2 mile or have no sidewalks along the pathways to transit.

Curbside management must consider access for accessibility and loading and unloading of passengers in most locations.

Carefully consider whether medians will improve traffic or make it more difficult for individual business operations. Include landowners and nearby residents in planning.

Remove the road indicated through the Munny golf course. Consider whether there is space for a bike/pedestrian way between the businesses / LCRA and golf course without detriment to the use of either.

21 Land Development Code update	Update the land development code to: -require a more compact and connected street network -allow for and incentivize transit-supportive densities and require a mixture of land uses along the Transit Priority Network -allow for missing middle housing types, including mixed-use infill development types.
22 Corridor-based land use planning	Conduct corridor-based land use planning in parallel with corridor mobility planning and implementation to calibrate zoning and land development code requirements with needs, constraints, and opportunities to create cohesive multimodal corridors, quality built environment, and transit-supportive and context-sensitive density.
21-22 a -	Calculate the amount of demolition that is envisioned in the central city and repercussions for displacement of residents, disposal of demolition materials, and disruption to remaining residents.

22b Provide mapping to indicate which areas will likely see demolition and land use changes so that residents and potential residents will understand proposed redevelopment changes.

22c Revise MU regulations to ensure that land uses are defined and restricted as needed to provide residential and commercial uses where needed. Consider restricting commercial to first level to ensure the construction of housing above in some areas.

67 Neighborhood shared streets pilot	Pilot a Neighborhood Shared Streets Program to evaluate alternative strategies for safe and cost effective pedestrian access.
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67a Clarify the use of fee-in-lieu in neighborhoods to effectively require sidewalks and redirect new funds quickly to appropriate locations. Clarify citizen participation.

71 Property owner maintenance responsibilities	Revise City Code to clarify the responsibility of property owners for maintenance of trees and vegetation above or adjacent to sidewalks.
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71a Educate property owners regarding regulations and their responsibilities to maintain portions of the ROW.

125a Stage construction work to maintain open access lanes to ABIA during construction. Current construction requires all traffic to merge into one lane causing tremendous congestion and delay in getting to ABIA

162 Access to food and markets	Explore the opportunities to develop a Safe Routes to Markets program and/or use the Food Environment Analysis to inform transportation planning.
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162 a Engage grocery stores to provide shuttles to their stores for nearby residents.

187 Historic investment patterns analysis	Evaluate historic resource investment and disinvestment, considering location and populations benefited/burdened, to better understand future needs through an equity lens.
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187a Evaluate what historic properties are endangered by ROW expansion and redevelopment into the core the neighborhoods.

216 Online plan and performance	Create an online platform containing the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, including adopted policy, action items, objectives, and multimodal street network table. Include performance measurements towards objectives and interactive maps.
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216a Identify displacement of any population element and resulting impacts to transportation.

240 School and City partnerships	Increase efforts to collaborate with schools to educate and encourage walking, biking, taking public transit or school bus, and sharing rides to school for students and employees. Collaborate with local non-profits that provide transportation education programs.
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240a Evaluate impacts to AISD enrollment from redevelopment of single family property to multi-family or mixed use property.

240b Ensure that access to schools for drop off and pick up of students is functional. Maintain parking requirements for nearby uses to leave the curbside available for parents.

Other

Evaluate current new additions to the city, their access to businesses without always driving and the potential for complete communities. Revise codes to ensure that goals are being met and Austin is not simply fostering more single use use sprawl and unwalkable neighborhoods to be built on the fringes of the city.

Trash

Coordinate with trash providers and pickup locations (re: subdivision and resubdivision) so that changes do not make trash pickup more detrimental to transportation modes.